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1. Danube river shipments of crude oil and refined products from the Soviet Oil Administration (SMV) in Austria are divided among the following companies; the Soviet Donau-Dampf-Schiffahrts-Gesellschaft (DDSG), Meszhart, Sovrom Transport, the Czech Steamship Company (CSPD) and the Soviet Danube Steamship Company (SDGP). The three companies Soviet DDSG, Sovrom Transport and Meszhart have an agreement among themselves which specifies the amounts of SMV products to be carried by each. Meszhart and Sovrom Transport are then paid through the Soviet DDSG. The CSPD and the SDGP have separate contracts with SMV.¹ The Bulgarian Shipping Company does not carry SMV shipments.
2. Some of the shipments to Reni, USSR, are handled by Meszhart since the SDGP does not have a sufficient shipping capacity and Meszhart seeks to build up its schilling reserves by these shipments.² For shipments to Hungary, Meszhart receives payment in forints.
3. Crude oil shipped to Hungary is refined at Almasfuezitoe, Csepel and Szoeny. A pipe line which existed before World War II connects Almasfuezitoe with Csepel.

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1. [] Comment: It is estimated that during 1953 the CSPD shipped about 100,000 metric tons of crude oil for the SMV to Bratislava.

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2. [] Comment: Shipment of SMV refined products to Reni by Meszhart was reported []

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